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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In an abundance of caution, Applicant desires to bring to the attention of the Examiner the enclosed opinion of the European Patent Office on a Opposition filed against issued EU Patent No. 923592B1, which is the EU counterpart of US Patent No. 6,011,148. Related documents including the respective EU Patent are also submitted. The instant application claims priority to the application that issued as US Patent No. 6,011,148 and is related as a continuation-in-part application. The claims of the instant application are believed to be considerably different from those of opposed EU Patent.

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Respectfully submitted,

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